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FIRST CONCERT A SUCCESS

Solo Work of Allen and Gouge Well Received—Greengard Makes a Hit as Monologist.

For a first night, the Clinton concert of last Monday was a great success. Manager Anibal's idea of giving the initial performance rather late is a good one. The Clubs had ample time for preparation, and for once Clinton had no reason to feel like the proverbial dog.

The Glee Club opened the concert with Bullard's "Winter Song." It is very good music, but two verses of it would suffice for an opening number. Callahan, '13, was a joyous sight in "The Phantom Band," an encore by the double quartet. Purdy's "Tutti Frutti" was the catchiest number on the program. Very few saw thru the rather opaque humor of "The Barks," but it does well enough for an encore. "De Coppah Moon" has fine opportunities for shading and expression. It lacked both to a large extent. The old "Campus Medley" is good for another year. Knox's solo part in it is very fine, but was rushed unmercifully.

While the Glee Club sang exceptionally well for a first appearance, there was not the finish and balance that we hope to find later. The first tenors, strengthened by West's clear voice, sang well, but they should be toned down. They made the club topheavy. On the other hand, the second tenors did not take the leading role, which is rightfully theirs. For a wonder, there seems a scarcity of strong, high baritone voices. The first basses have good material, but are not sure of themselves. Most glee club pieces have little musical merit. The things that save them from dullness are precision, careful shading, well-marked accent, and most important of all, a certain verve that will cover a multitude of discords. Johnson has chosen unusually good numbers and has drilled his band faithfully and well, until they are now fairly accurate. It remains for him to give the final touches.

The Instrumental Club, under the dashing leadership of Gould, played "The Butterfly" very well indeed. Gould is wise in retaining four guitars. They help much in eliminating the topheavy ensemble of former clubs. But those same guitars were most wofully lost on the last encore number. If they can be tamed, Gould will have a record-breaking club.

Gouge's voice is perfectly suited for the little negro song he substituted for "Sweet Miss Mary." If he can find an equally good encore, he will surely make good. He could add much to the effect of a very sweet voice by using some of the beaming Hastings' wiles.

Allen is better than ever. His upper tones are more open and much smoother than they were last year. The Glee Club hurried him too much on "The Pirate Bold," but he made the hit of the evening with "Down Among the Dead Men." One is tempted to hyperbole in describing his really extraordinary voice. He is undoubtedly one of the best college soloists in the country.

Judging by the applause, the quartet made its usual hit. It was a difficult matter to find men to fill the places left vacant by Sarles and Hastings. Sidle, who is really a first tenor, makes a good and absolutely accurate first bass. Thompson has made over his voice from a baritone to a first tenor, a slow and difficult task.

Woods and Heidner are a distinct addition to the clubs. Their first number, with its vivo finale is brilliant, but the sweet "Heimweh" is far more effective. Heidner's obligato with the mandolins is a happy idea.

Greengard was the only monologist to appear. His Italian impersonations brought down the house. He has the inborn talent of the comedian. His "Not-a-me" would do credit to Ben Welch or any of the professionals. He will fill the tedious intermission well if taken on the trips.

Pessimists who feared that this would be an off-year for our most effective advertising instrument may draw a huge sigh of relief.

SENIORS WIN THE DEBATE

Defeat Juniors in Interclass Contest on Question of Initiative and Referendum.

Maybe you were there, and maybe you weren't. If you were, this brief report may refresh your memory on the thunder of that memorable evening. If not present, you will do well to note that the Interclass Debate, Friday, February 3rd, was won by the Seniors, Wisehart, Martin, Colson, and Stan. Jones, from the Centennial Class, which was represented by Bedenkapp, DuBois, Boone, and Warren. The bone of contention was the proposed adoption of the Initiative and Referendum in New York State. The judges who awarded the laurel, by a vote of 2 to 1, to 1911, were: Dr. Wood, Dr. Davenport, and Dr. Saunders.

The debate opened when Prof. Lewis introduced Wisehart as the first speaker for the affirmative. "Wise" didn't waste any breath quibbling about terms but almost instantly opened the closet of political corruption and brought forth the ogre of Graft in all its hideousness. His language was striking as he drew in vermilion hue the deep dyed criminality of the State Senate and Assembly.

Bedenkapp, next up, was less the orator but none the less the debater. He established the point that the system of the referendum is evil in that it destroys our present system of representative government. After all the wanton misdeeds of our legislators had been so vividly portrayed, it was difficult to direct the attention of the audience toward the negative argument, but Bedenkapp succeeded admirably in this.

Martin followed with a brief recapitulation of Wisehart's expose, and then briefly dealt with some of the evils that the proposed system would remedy. "Our legislators," he said, "have done those things that they ought not to have done, and have left undone those things that they ought to have done."

Boone then flashed on to the stage and declared with firm assurance that

it were better to think before the leap. He advised the use of a good stiff broom in Senate and House as a more suitable attempt at remedy than the establishment of a new system.

Colson explained the present situation in the words: "It is at present a fact that many of our legislators are always listening to "the master's voice" and asking Murphy's dictum before they act. "The Initative and Referendum," he said, " would not destroy but effectively supplement our present representative system.

DuBois was specific in his charges of the evils accompanying the Initiative and Referendum. The result of its operation in other states, he argued, did not warrant its adoption in this state.

Stan.Jones, with a great deal of strong argument, established the fact that the voters in certain states where the system of the Initiative and Referendum has been tried exercise a wise discrimination between good and bad measures.

Warren closed for the negative and was particularly effective. He has a good head and a conversational style of delivery that wins by its sincerity and originality. He contended that there is no general demand for the Initiative and Referendum.

The speakers in rebuttal appeared in essentially the same order as on the main speeches.

MEETING OF ADVISORY BOARD.

The regular meeting of the Advisory Board was held in Silliman Hall last Wednesday evening. The baseball management's petition to add three games to the southern trip and two games to the regular spring schedule was granted. It was decided to continue the present alumni system of football coaching and to engage "Bill" Moore, ex-'10, as field coach for next year at a salary of $400.00.

The Hamilton representatives to the N. Y. S. I. A. U. were instructed to vote in favor of the proposed amendment to article four of the constitution. This article is in regard to professionalism. If the amendment is passed it will allow any man to play summer baseball on any team except those under the national commission without becoming a professional.

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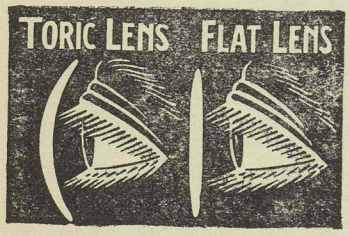

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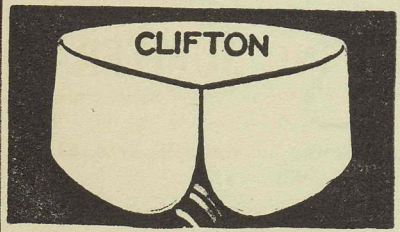

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EDITORIAL.

The election last Saturday of two members of the Intercollegiate Debate Team from without the ranks of the interclass debaters is decidedly in the way of a justification of the Debating Council's action in thus throwing open to competition for the entire College places on the Intercollegiate Debate Team.

In this particular instance, to be sure, only upperclassmen appeared, but there is no reason to suppose that henceforth we may not expect active competition from Sophomores and Freshmen.

In order that intercollegiate debating may become representative of the entire student body and not merely the upperclasses, the Debating Council was organized. While this council, as such, is in no way connected with the regular department work, it will have general supervision of the intercollegiate debating and in the future will select the teams on the basis of ability shown in a series of trial debates. By this student participation in an activity which to its detriment, has been in the past too strictly departmental, it will be possible to enlist the cooperation of underclassmen who may have ability in this line but who have not, heretofore, been able to make it manifest.

The action of the Council this year cannot be too highly commended. In the past there have been notable examples of Freshmen who have come to College with considerable debating ability and experience and finding that activity in this direction was of no avail for at least two years, have allowed their interest to die out.

It is undoubtedly true that a so-called college honor is often more eagerly sought after than a more restricted departmental one. If we admit this, then it is easy to see that for our debating to realize its whole potentiality, it is highly advisable to make our intercollegiate debating a matter of importance to every man in College from Freshman to Senior.

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If any man who is interested in the success of track athletics in this College will pay a little visit to the Gym. on a Thursday afternoon he will find that prospects for the season of 1911 are exceedingly bright. He will find a large number of promising men at work on the jumps, a good sized squad learning the rudiments of pole vaulting, a department in which of late we have been weak, and several men practicing starts and shot-putting. Afternoons which, for winters past, have been devoted to a wild scramble for a basket-ball are now being devoted to work that is liable to assume rather large proportions. And there's a reason. "Uncle John" Crossley wants to see a good track team in the field this year and, if his desire to help has anything to do about the matter, it looks as tho his wishes were coming true.

During a recent conversation "Uncle John" had a good deal to say about track athletics past and present. Incidentally, when "Uncle" talks about field athletics, it is advisable to pay attention and remember that there was a time when the present director of Gym. in this College was the fastest hundred yard man in the country with a record of nine and three-fourths and a man who, for sixteen years, was consistently doing the pole vault at ten and eleven feet. That is why "Uncle" has a license to talk.

"Track athletics here are what I want to see go along," said "Uncle" John. "Your baseball and your football are all right and proper in their way, but I believe that what is going to help the men when they leave College is the track work and the athletic work which requires individual work. That is why I am particularly interested in track. Barring accidents we are going to have the best track team we have had in years; we have the material and it's all good. When Gym. work closes this year your new material will have learned the rudiments and will be ready for the outdoor track. We always have good material but ever since 1906 we have spent too much time teaching one or two good men and not looking out for the future by training our new material. For example, in 1905 we had four men, all of whom could broadjump at least 21 feet. When you have four men that can do that at least one of them is going to do a good deal more. That is why I have set aside Thursday afternoons in the Gym. for track work. We have Sophomores and Freshmen that are going to do some mighty good work this year. What do you think they will do two and three years from now?"

Unless the unexpected should occur the impossibility of arranging meets will prevent our having a relay team this year. Some of the effort that would have been spent in that direction will now be conserved for spring. Why should not every man who has any ability for track work be in the Gym. every Thursday afternoon at four o'clock.

DEBATE TEAM IS CHOSEN.

On the basis of the Interclass Debate and the competition held in the Hall of Philosophy last Saturday afternoon the Intercollegiate Debate team has been selected. The affirmative team consists of Colson, Jones and O'Brien, with Warren as alternate, while the negative will be represented by Harper, Martin and Bedenkapp, with DuBois as alternate.

—The bowling alleys will be open Monday and Friday afternoons from four until six o'clock; Wednesday afternoon from three until six, and on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from seven until ten o'clock. Ingersoll, '13, holds the high score record for the season.

INTRAMURAL BASKET-BALL.

The intramural basket-ball season opened last Thursday night with games between the Seniors and Sophomores, and Juniors and Freshmen. For the most part the games were interesting, especially the one between the Juniors and Freshmen. The Freshman Class has some good basket-ball material and with more practice should develop a much faster team.

The games were played in alternate halves. The first between the odd numbered classes showed the superiority of the Sophomores. Getman and Flagler did some clever passing, but were unable to locate the basket.

The Freshmen were easily outclassed in the first half of their game with the Juniors. With practically a new line-up in the second half their playing improved. Erhardt, Flagg and Perry played well. The Juniors showed the effect of longer practice. Their team work was superior, but the Freshmen guarded well. Eddy and Royce played well in the first half and Regin covered his man well.

The line-ups:

Seniors. 6.		Sophomores. 22.
	Right Forward.	
Day.		Woods, Wheelock.
	Left Forward.	
E. H. Jones.		Griswold, True.
	Center.	
Flagler.		Wenigmann.
	Right Guard.	
Getman.		Mahady, Fear.
	Left Guard.	
Sidle.		Lewis.

Baskets: Flagler 2, Jones 1, Griswold 2, Wenigmann 6, Lewis 2, Woods 1.

Juniors. 28.		Freshmen. 21.
	Right Forward.	
C. Root.		Royce.
	Left Forward.	
Regin.		Lyon, Erhardt.
	Center.	
D. Root.		Calder, Abernathy.
	Right Guard.	
Peters.		Eddy, Flagg.
	Left Guard.	
Knox.		Regin, Perry.

Baskets: C. Root 4, D. Root 5, Regin 2, Peters 2, Knox 1, Royce 3, Erhardt 5, Perry 2. Baskets from foul: Royce. Officials: Referee, for Senior-Sophomore game, Regin, '12, for Junior-Freshman game, E. H. Jones and Sidle, '11. Timers, Dorrance and Porter. Time of halves, 15 minutes.

DINNNERS TO BE GIVEN BY YOUNGER N. Y. CITY ALUMNI.

An old but always tentative suggestion that the younger Hamilton Alumni in New York arrange to meet rather more frequently than has been the custom suddenly took form at the annual dinner on January 14th, and as a result eighteen of them dined together at the Hotel St. Denis on Sunday evening, January 29th. It is the idea that the members of the last four classes meet at dinner every four weeks hereafter, in so far as it is individually convenient.

The selection of a restaurant where table d'hote is served and where room on Sunday evenings is not at a premium makes it possible to dispense with the burden of previous arrangements. There is no such horror as a committee in charge. There is no need of notifying anyone of your decision to come, or not to come. Comfortable indecision can be indulged in with a free conscience.

The number of Hamilton men coming to New York seems to be increasing. The 1910 men are there in goodly quantities, and if the dinners are found enjoyable enough to become an institution, it is hoped that the New York delegation from each succeeding graduating class will join in and form the habit.

People in the city testify to the difficulty of keeping in touch with an old circle of acquaintances, finding as they do that the people they see are determined almost entirely by their daily pursuits, from which it is increasingly hard to break away. With no Hamilton club in New York and with few Hamilton events to shake the Alumni together out of their separate grooves of preoccupation, some such series of dinners will take a place now empty. The second gathering is to be on February 26th and Engs, '10, (whom a letter will reach at Richmond Hill) can probably tell anyone where it will be.

Present at the first were Gilbert, Love, Peck, and Scoon, 1907; Watson, 1908; Griffis, McLean, Welch, Truax, and Woollcott, 1909; Deimel, Glover, Dounce, Cross, Engs, Titus, Bristol, and W. H. Stone, 1910.

—The Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi Junior delegations will entertain the Junior Whist Club next Thursday evening at the Psi Upsilon House.

"WHERE ARE THE SNOWS OF YESTER-YEAR?"

The stage of Scollard Opera House is as silent as the grave, as silent as the Sophomore Writing English class. Twelve tattered, befingered books are the only remaining evidences of what was to have been one of the greatest crimes ever perpetrated upon an innocent and unsuspecting Junior Week. Twelve hungry, cantankerous looking individuals have rid themselves of their "muhs" and "curses"; visions of footlights and memories of "Enter C., laughingly" are a thing of the past. Where is Heidner's straight front C-B, that fearful and wonderful contraption of whalebone and steel that was to effect so marvelous a transformation? Where is "Bump's" monocle, his "bah Jove," and his devilish gallantry? Where, indeed, are the Charlatans? Clean gone, my good friend, shot clean to the eternal bonfire!

—Prof. Morrill entertained the Seminar in Biology at his home Thursday evening.

—Erhardt has been elected captain of the Freshman basket-ball team, and Wassung manager of the Sophomore basket-ball team.

—Professor Morrill announces that on March 16, Dr. Huber, '87, will lecture to the College on "Tuberculosis, Its Prevention and Cure."

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HILL NOTES.

—At the annual dinner of the Hamilton College Alumni in New York City, N. J. Marsh, '85, was elected president of the Association for the ensuing year.

—The Senior Seminar in Political Science met last Saturday evening at the home of Professor Davenport.

—A mission study class has been started and is holding its meetings in Silliman Hall every Saturday afternoon from three until four o'clock. The class is studying John R. Mott's latest book, "The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions."

—Professor Davenport will speak before the Young Men's Christian Association of Troy on Lincoln's birthday.

—Professor Miller was a guest of the "Lit." Club which met last Wednesday evening at the home of Professor Ibbotson.

—Gould and Wheelock have reported as candidates for Assistant Managership of Intramural Sports.

—LaForce, '14, is attending the Junior Prom at Cornell this week.

—Mayor George E. Van Kennen, '86, of Ogdensburg has recently been appointed by Governor Dix to conduct the proposed examination of the State Commission in Lunacy.

—J. Sawyer Fitch, '08, has been chosen to deliver the Masters' Oration at Commencement.

—Dr. Squires lectured before the Teachers' Institute in Binghamton last Thursday and Friday.

—A meeting of Phi Beta Kappa will be held at Professor Davenport's tomorrow evening.

—Colson, '87, and Esmond, ex-'12, were on the Hill last week.

—A meeting of the French Seminar was held at Professor Shepard's home last Thursday evening.

JUNIOR WEEK PLAY GIVEN UP.

The announcement that the production of "At Cicero House," which was to have been made by the Charlatans on the Friday afternoon of Junior Week, has been abandoned will undoubtedly be a disappointment to most of the College. Altho the productions of the club never won a lasting renown, they have always gained considerable credit and have served to offer no little amusement on an afternoon when some entertainment was highly desirable.

That the play had to be given up was the result of a series of unfortunate circumstances. Considerable difficulty was encountered at the outset in securing a suitable play. The club was not able to pay any great royalties and at the same time did not desire to present some time-worn affair which might be familiar to a majority of the audience. When the selection of "At Cicero House" was made further delay was occasioned by inability to obtain a sufficient number of copies of the text within a reasonable time. Next, difficulty was experienced in casting the farce. Five "actorines" were required and the competently play feminine parts is exceedingly small. When the parts had been adequately cast, it was discovered that the rehearsals seriously conflicted with the work of the Musical Clubs and that the number of rehearsals would have to be lessened.

Thursday afternoon a meeting of the Charlatans was held and after due consideration it was agreed that the two weeks before Junior Prom would not be sufficient for whipping the play into shape. Accordingly the production was abandoned.

Just what will be the fate of "At Cicero House" is a matter of speculation. Following the example of the Charlatans of several years ago it may be produced in the Spring. Other wise it will probably be held over until next year when an adequate production will be possible.

Any profits accuring from a Junior Week production were to have been given to the management of the Musical Clubs for the Easter trip.

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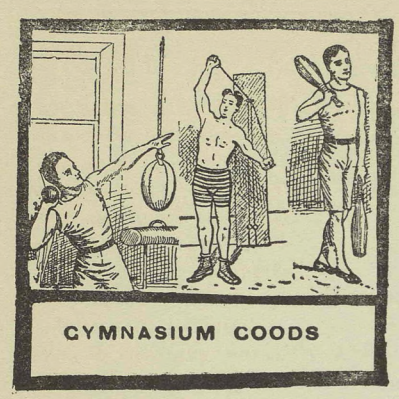

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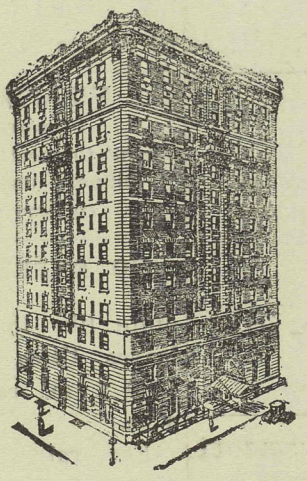

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